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## Camarillo wins second term

By Analiz Gonzalez  
Staff Writer

Student Government Association President Edward Camarillo has won a second term, defeating Alex Salinas in an election that had a record number of votes cast.

"It was an extremely close race," Vincent Solis, director of Student Activities said after the votes were counted Thursday night. "Edward Camarillo received 771 votes, or 51 percent of the vote. Alex Salinas received 660, or 46 percent of the vote. There was a vote difference of 111."

"[Competition] was fierce," Solis said. "Both candidates did an extraordinary job, we have never had this many votes before ever. Fourteen percent of the student population voted. That is an outrageous number for a student body election."

A total of 1,431 votes were cast, Solis said, adding that the most voters SGA has had in past elections were less than 800.

Asked if there were any voting irregularities, Solis replied, "One of the candidates filed a written complaint about the other candidate's people having publicity inside of the 20-foot zone," Solis said. "[As a solution to the problem] the candidate in question was issued a warning [an agreement the Dean of Students and I came together on] stating that all

people that are campaigning must stay outside of the voting area."

Camarillo told The Collegian that the first thing he plans to do now that he has been re-elected is "to write a thank-you letter to all the students and faculty for their support in the elections because

student government has really made history in having the most votes cast."

Salinas said that he would continue participating in the SGA.

"What happened, happened," Salinas said. "Ed is a good man. I knew it was going to be a close

race. Ed had more resources and manpower, but the better man won and my congratulations go out to him. When I heard who had won, I called him and congratulated him, and, well, that is what SGA is all about. We are just here for the students."

### Going to nationals



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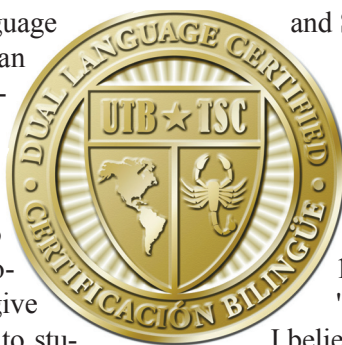
*UTB/TSC's Women's Golf Team will travel to Daytona Beach, Fla., May 18-22 for the National Junior College Athletics Association National Tournament. Qualifying for the first time to nationals, the team is comprised of freshmen Rachelle Colthorp (seated, from left), Josie Mendoza, Jeanette Jordan, sophomore Adriana Gonzalez and freshman Carling Filewich. Standing: Coach Jesse Lucio and Assistant Coach Osvaldo Machado.*

## Dual Language Certification program to start in fall

By John Strubelt  
Collegian Editor

When David Pearson, associate professor of sociology in the Behavioral Sciences Department, was asked to put together a high-level dual language committee, he recognized the unique opportunity before him. The result of the committee's

work is Dual Language Certification, an "absolutely original" program set to begin this fall. UTB/TSC is the first institution to offer such a program, which will give formal recognition to students proficient in both English



and Spanish.

Pearson gave a briefing to the Southmost Union Junior College District board of trustees at its April 17 meeting.

"It's a program which I believe is remarkable in a number of ways," Pearson said.

"First of all, it turns to the advantage of the fact that many of our students are competent--competent at university-level competency, college-level competency, both in English and in Spanish. We want to be able to take that and recognize that, while at the same time, making this sort of

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## Briefs

The **Disability Awareness Club** will meet at 12:15 p.m. today in the Student Union's Bougainvillea Room. For more information, call counselor Steve Wilder at 983-7374.

A **sophomore composition recital** featuring the works of music theory and composition major **Adam Sovkoplas** is scheduled for 6 tonight in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is free. Associate Professor **Richard Urbis** will perform "9-11," the award-winning musical composition. "Carving in the Round" will be performed by Esteban Del Angel on clarinet; **Eugenie Kim**, bassoon; **Martha Placeres**, violin; and **Collin Clark**, cello. "Sorrow" will be performed by **Lisa Morrison** on flute and Urbis on piano, with staging by **Cristi De Lellis** and **Leslie Rangel**. "Arpeggiation and Modulation for Tuba" will be performed by **Rick Pedraza**. "A Study in Melodic Minimalism" will be performed by Del Angel on clarinet; Clark, cello; **Arnold Castillo**, marimba; and **Uzziel Guzman**, piano.

"**Noche de Mariachi**," a concert fund-raiser for UTB/TSC's **Mariachi Escorpión**, takes place at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Tickets are \$5 per person. Funds raised will help finance the group's trip to a conference in Albuquerque, N.M., in July. To purchase tickets, call the office of Fine Arts at 544-8247 or 544-8943.

**Lucy Willis**, a professor of Spanish in the Modern Languages Department, will discuss "**Creating the Dual Language University**" on the radio program "**Society Under Fire**," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH-FM (88.9). Willis is co-director, with **David Pearson**, associate professor of sociology in the Behavioral Sciences Department, of UTB/TSC's new Dual Language Certification Program.

**Judy Powell**, chair of the **Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors**, will address issues related to licensure, rules changes and national trends from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Life Health and Sciences Building Room 1.102. For more information, call the UTB/TSC School Specialties Department at 983-7678.

The **Gorgas Science Society** will meet at 1 p.m. Friday in Life and Health Sciences Room 2.806. Anyone

wanting to get involved in nature or volunteer opportunities over the summer is asked to e-mail the society at gorgassociety@yahoo.com.

The **UTB/TSC Cinema Club** will present "**Sans Soleil**," a French film directed by Chris Marker, at 7 p.m. Friday in Life and Health Sciences Lecture Hall 1.102. Admission is free.

The **Gorgas Science Foundation** will present an exhibit of fine art photography, nature photographs, Highland Guatemalan Ethnology and images of The Borderlands by Gene Paull, Andrea Lopez and Danny Govea beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Alonso Building, 501 E. St. Charles. Admission is free. Paull is chairman of the Physical Sciences Department, Lopez graduated summa cum laude from UTB/TSC in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in English and minor in art, and Govea will graduate in May with a degree in art from UTB/TSC. The exhibit runs through May 7.

The works of Fine Art Professor **Carlos G. Gómez** will be on exhibit through May 11 at La Peña Gallery, 227 Congress Ave. in Austin. A reception is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

**UTB/TSC and Valley Regional Medical Center** will sponsor a conference titled "**Caring for the Care-Giver**" from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Topics include "Who Cares for Whom? Healthy Caring," "Skills for a Lifetime of Caring," "Stand Up For Yourself, Be Assertive," and "Taking Care of Yourself When You Are the Care-Giver." Registration is \$15 for UTB/TSC students, staff and community members before Friday. To register, call **Connie Hayes**, program director for Medical Health Sciences/Continuing Education, at 554-5131.

Students who borrowed graphing calculators or calculator manuals are asked to return them by noon May 7 at the office of Assistant Professor **Olivia Garcia**, located in SET-B 2.526, or at the Office of the Department of Mathematics, SET-B 2.454, in order to avoid the \$20 late fee. Students who wish to lease a graphing calculator during May or Summer sessions will be notified of those dates from their professors. For more information, call Garcia at 574-6634.

The **International Students Organization** is sponsoring a trip to **Guadalajara** and **Morelia**, two beautiful Mexican colonial cities with wonderful weather and 500 years of history. The tour departs at 9 a.m. May 18 from the International Bridge in Matamoros and returns at noon May 25. Transportation is via chartered bus. Cost of the trip is \$200 (transportation and hotel accommodations). For more information, contact Gerardo Lara at jerry\_lara@hotmail.com.

Professors **Celia Flores-Feist** and **William Davis** urge **Phi Theta Kappa** members to place an early order for the Phi Theta Kappa commencement regalia to ensure on-time delivery for spring graduation. Phi Theta Kappa makes available for purchase the golden monogrammed honors stole and golden tassel exclusively for Phi Theta Kappa graduates. To view these graduation accessories, visit <http://recognitions.ptk.org>.

Students applying for the **Educational Aide Exemption Program** for Summer 2003 must submit applications to the **Financial Assistance Office**, Tandy Hall 206, between now and Oct. 1. For more information, visit the Financial Assistance Office.

**Maria de Jesus Muñoz**, a UTB/TSC graduate who recently completed her medical degree at the University of Texas Medical Branch, will speak at a reception for five high school students who will begin their academic career at UTB/TSC next fall after attending the UTMB summer program in Galveston. The reception will take place at 6:30 p.m. May 30 in the SET-B third-floor conference room. The students in the Early Medical School Acceptance Program are **Ashley Dale**, **Jose Elizondo**, **Eduardo Mancha**, **Nydia Perez** and **Jacob Flores**. Current UTB/TSC students who also will attend the summer program are junior **Brenda Puig**, sophomores **Jose Flores** and **Jonanna Mendiola** and freshman **Himansu Patel**.

Freshman **Maria Sanchez** has been accepted into the **Joint Admission Medical Program**, an early acceptance program involving the eight medical schools in Texas. JAMP provides a \$2,000 scholarship per semester and a \$4,000 stipend for attending summer internship programs.

# Adams earns outstanding teaching award

By John Strubelt  
*Collegian Editor*

The decision to become a teacher was an easy one for William Adams, particularly since both his parents were teachers themselves.

"My mother is a history teacher and my father was a teacher and an elementary school principal, so it's something that encouraged me this is a possible career," Adams said. "I know that some of the effective teachers and professors I've had really did have an impact on my life. Many teachers and professors are quite forgettable, but if you really have a good one, it makes a big impression on you, you learn a great deal."

Adams himself has been recognized as one of these effective teachers. He is one of nine professors in the University of Texas System to receive the Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award, which recognizes tenure or tenure-track professors for excellence in teaching at the undergraduate level.

Adams, a professor at UTB/TSC for nearly 15 years, said he was honored to receive the award.

"I was pleased, of course," Adams said. "[Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs José Martín] called me one day to let me know that I had won it. I said I was very happy about that."

Nominations are made by students, faculty and staff through a campuswide process, said Ruth Ann

Ragland, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs. Nineteen faculty members were nominated initially and 14 of those accepted the nominations and subsequently submitted portfolios.

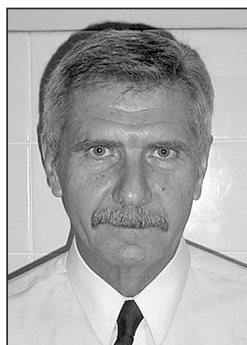
A committee of past recipients reviewed the portfolios both individually and as a group and voted by secret ballot. A recommendation was then made to Martín, UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García and ultimately to the UT System.

Senior history major Justin Lawrence, who nominated Adams for the award, said it was a logical choice.

"He's an excellent professor," Lawrence said. "His lectures are to the point and very interesting. He's a very dedicated professor."

Milo Kearney, professor of social sciences, also nominated Adams and was pleased to see his colleague win the award.

"I had nominated him for several years in a row for quite a few reasons," Kearney said. "He had come to talk about Napoleon to our Alliance Francaise French Club, and he had everyone entranced; he's such a riveting speaker. Also, my son had taken a course with him and praised him as



William Adams

an outstanding teacher. The third reason is because every year I have students giving me positive feedback about him."

Adams describes his teaching methods as old-fashioned.

"I don't do much in the way of discussion unless it's a small seminar class, and I don't make classroom use of computers or even much in the way of videos," Adams said. "I'm what they call a 'chalk and blackboard' teacher and stick mainly to straight lectures, albeit always with a map at hand. These methods work for me and, I think, also with most students."

Students seem to find his classes enjoyable, so much so that they keep coming back.

Senior history major Alejandro Rivera has taken three courses with Adams and said that his classes are both fun and challenging.

"It's not the type of class you can miss and still expect to pass," Rivera said. "You have to pay attention, keep notes and read the books. His classes are usually fun."

Adams first came to TSC as an adjunct professor in 1987. In 1989, he became a full-time professor and chaired the history department from 1989 to 1993. Adams took a sabbatical from UTB/TSC from 1999 to 2000, during which he taught British and American history and writing at Henan Normal University in Xin Xiang, China. Adams became chairman of the history department again in 2000 and has held that position since.

"I've been teaching for nearly 30 years now, and I'm pretty comfortable in my classroom," Adams said. "I probably face more frustrations now in my work as chairman of the department--a lot of paperwork and day-to-day problems to deal with, and that's kind of time-consuming and wearing. But I usually come out of a classroom feeling better. It's something I enjoy doing."

Adams held several positions prior to his employment here. He served as a naval officer from 1967 to 1972. He served as a communications watch

officer aboard the Aircraft Carrier Forestal. He was the officer in charge of the message center at a NATO headquarters in Lisbon, Portugal. For 12 years, he worked with the Marist brothers, an order of Catholic monks who have schools in Australia and the Solomon Islands. He also served as deputy headmaster of Sale Catholic College in Australia.

Adams taught for 14 years in a wide range of schools, including public schools, Catholic schools, boarding schools, all-girl and all-boy schools, all-black schools, all-white schools, and all-Asian schools. He has taught on three continents and in the islands of the South Pacific, he said.

"I've taught every grade from seventh grade to university graduate students," Adams said. "I've taught quite a few subjects, not just history, geography and English--subjects I was trained to teach--but also algebra, biology, religion, business math, business law and other subjects where I was just one day ahead of my students in my knowledge of the subject. This is a common occurrence in many small Catholic schools where the teachers must be very versatile."

Among the degrees Adams has earned are a bachelor of arts in history and English from Central State University in Oklahoma, a master of arts in political science from the State University of New York, a graduate diploma in educational administration from the State College of Victoria in Australia, a master and doctorate of arts in history from the University of North Dakota.

After 15 years at UTB/TSC, Adams' best memories have been in the classroom.

"I've had good memories the whole time I've been here--going into class and giving the class and coming out, year after year," he said. "It's been almost 15 years I've been doing that. If I looked for highlights I suppose certainly one of those highlights is winning this Chancellor's Award. I know that I've got many equally-deserving colleagues, some of them more deserving, but naturally I'm pleased to have the award."

## 633 to graduate May 10

UTB/TSC's spring commencement is scheduled for 6 p.m. May 10 on the grounds of the Student Union.

Admissions Director Rene Villarreal said a total of 720 degrees will be handed out to 623 students. Of the 720 degrees, 61 are certificates, 329 are associates, 276 are bachelors and 54 are masters, he said.

Alma Solis, a 1976 graduate of Texas Southmost College and a research entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will be the keynote speaker, according to a press release from the Office of News & Information.

Solis and Dr. Elena Longoria Marin of Harlingen are the 2003 Distinguished Alumni for Texas Southmost College. A 1975 graduate of Texas Southmost College, Marin is a practicing pediatrician and executive director for Su Clinica Familiar. Marin will address the graduates at winter commencement in December.

Both will be honored at a reception the evening before commencement. TSC has been recognizing former students as Distinguished Alumni since 1993.

## Correction

In the recent Bougainvillea elections, Leo Castro was elected duke and Jorge Alfaro was elected count. A photo caption on Page 1 of The Collegian's April 21 issue gave the incorrect information.



# Moore reflects on Mideast experience

By Sonia Mejia

*Staff Writer*

Edward G. Moore, the UTB/TSC Social Sciences lecturer and retired Army colonel who served as a political/military analyst for CNN International during the U.S.-Iraq conflict, has returned to his family, friends and students.

"I feel great about being home again," Moore told The Collegian last Tuesday, shortly after his return to Brownsville. "It's always great to be back with my wife and my family."

Moore left for Istanbul on March 11 to report to the Turkish audience about the U.S. military operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom, an experience he says has given him the opportunity to be part of history and to learn about U.S. and international government.

"Looking at [the war] from Turkey just gave me a greater appreciation for the U.S. and for U.S. soldiers," Moore said. "I have been a part [of history], to some degree on the fringes of this exchange ... I have been watching it happen and I'm not going to necessarily have to wait until it's been rewritten in government books."

Moore worked alongside a former Turkish ambassador to NATO and a political journalist who at one time served as bodyguard to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. As part of his military analysis, Moore interviewed such important political and military personalities as Paul Wolfowitz, deputy secretary of Defense; Morton Abramowitz, director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research for the secretary of State and four-star Gen. Wesley K. Clark.

"Once the war started I was working 12 to 14 hours a day, usually on the set describing the military action,"



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**Col. Ed Moore (left) and Mehmet Ali Birandi, primary anchor for CNN Turk, are shown on the set.**

Moore said. "After the first weeks, things slowed down somewhat and then it became more of a political conflict again."

Moore said his work at CNN Turkey gave him an understanding about the great impact the media have on public opinion.

"I've come back with a much clearer picture of how to discuss with students the importance of understanding our system ... and the importance of the role the media plays and to some degree, the weakness I see in the media."

Moore said the media tried to give the war direction before it started.

"[The] media [were] looking out, speculating and everyone had an opinion about what was going to happen," Moore said. "The media sort of gave the people a direction ... and they wanted [the war] to go the way

they had predicted."

Moore said people expected the war to be quicker than the way it played

out.

"The most common question I was asked when the war started was 'how long do you think it's going to take'," Moore said. "When the 3rd Infantry Division moved across Iraq, it was clear to anyone with military experience that the war cannot go any faster than the man on the ground."

He said the war would change the way the United States deals with other countries.

"Being in Turkey was very important at this time because the Turks would not allow the U.S. 4th Infantry Division to base out of Turkey," Moore said.

He said Turkey's reluctance to cooperate with the U.S. military would hurt the relationship between Turkey and the United States.

Moore plans to incorporate what he learned in Istanbul into his government classes next fall semester.

"Government books are going to change, they're going to be re-written in a few years and I think it's an exciting time to learn because history is being made."

## Student charged with harassment

By Ildefonso Ortiz

*Tiempo Nuevo Editor*

A UTB/TSC student has been arraigned on a charge of harassment.

Campus Police Sgt. Pulido said George Blais, 43, was arrested April 17. Blais appeared before Cameron County Precinct 2-1 Justice of the Peace Tony Torres the same day and was charged with one count of harassment, a class B misdemeanor. Torres set bond at \$1,000.

According to Pulido, the arrest was made after a faculty member filed a complaint stating she had received "obscene material" from a student via U.S. mail.

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# Phi Theta Kappa meets library donation goal; still accepting books

By Leslie Robinson  
Staff Writer

Phi Theta Kappa has surpassed its goal of collecting 2,004 books for the city's future public library in Southmost. The group, however, will continue to collect books until Wednesday.

Among those who have donated books to Project Graduation 2004 are UTB/TSC students, Pace High School, Winter Texans, and staff from the divisions of Student Affairs and Business Affairs.

Phi Theta Kappa is delighted with the community's involvement in the book drive.

"We're ecstatic, I know the [Texas Southmost College] trustees were surprised [by] our incentive but now that we've really surpassed our goal, we're still not satisfied but we're really ecstatic about that," said Roman Perez, chairman of Phi Theta Kappa's Project Graduation 2004.

The library will be located on Southmost Road, a half-block from Morningside Road. Groundbreaking for the library will take place this summer. Brownsville City Manager Lanny Lambert said the library will have 20,000 square feet of space and will feature a large area dedicated to children's services, and a research center with about 30 computers.

The Business Affairs Division has col-



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*Vice President for Student Affairs Hilda Silva stands next to the hundreds of books that her division collected for Phi Theta Kappa's Project Graduation 2004. The books are being collected through Wednesday for the upcoming public library in the Southmost area. The project started last semester.*

lected 350 books, including children's books, paperbacks and hardbacks.

"We are just helping Roman hit his target," said Vice President for Business Affairs Rosemary Martinez. "He [already

had] 1,000 [books] and then doubled it, so we're just helping him hit his mark."

This is the not the first community project that the Office of Business Affairs has taken part in. The group helped with

Symphony in the Park, beach cleanups, United Way's Day of Caring, Boo at the Zoo, and has helped orphans in Matamoros.

The Division of Student Affairs has collected 1,335 books for the Southmost Library.

"It's certainly a worthwhile project and I'm real proud of the students that have seen this as a need," said Hilda Silva, vice president for Student Affairs. "The library is important. It's [going to be] close to our school, we should support that."

Silva explained her method of getting people to donate books.

"Anybody that walks in ... we're asking for donations of any kind of books, combination of children's books, old textbooks, and paperbacks," she said. "Some [books] are new but most of them are used."

The Division of Student Affairs also takes part in other community service projects such as food drives, blood drives, and is working on raising money for playground equipment at Longoria Elementary, 2400 E. Van Buren St.

All book donations must be turned in by Wednesday's deadline. Drop-off sites include the Office of Business Affairs in Tandy 100, the Office of Student Affairs in Student Union 2.10, the Arnulfo Oliveira Memorial Library, and the Open Computer Lab in SET-B.

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# Students find support, fellowship in ESL lab

By **Jamie Standeford**  
*Staff Writer*

Students involved in the English as a Second Language lab group at the Learning Assistance Center all agree that they will walk away from this program with more than just an education.

"This class gave me many chances to speak and to meet many other people and share different cultures between us," said Hwan Heo, a freshman English major from South Korea and participant in this semester's ESL lab.

Like Heo, many students from the lab said this program has helped tremendously, not only with their English skills but also in having an outreach of friends for support.

Maria Elena Valdes, director for the Learning Assistance Center, said the program is geared toward helping students transition to an English-speaking setting.

"I love the community that we live in because we're rich culturally," Valdes said. "But it's disadvantaged to a second-language learner, especially a Spanish speaker, that they can speak Spanish anywhere, and most of the time can be understood by somebody. But when somebody is trying to learn English, that's a challenge because they don't get to practice the English that they learn in class outside in their personal/professional environment."

Valdes said the lab helps students practice their learning skills in an environment that is comfortable and where



JAMIE STANDEFORD/COLLEGIAN

*Students in the English as a Second Language lab meet daily to read the newspaper, give presentations and talk about current events.*

the students can feel at ease.

"This is a safe place where they can meet, and by safe I mean it's not going to matter if they pronounce things correctly or not," Valdes said.

The lab has incorporated many types of news media and activities in their daily meetings, including The Brownsville Herald, Wall Street Journal and The Collegian, to help students with their conversational English.

"Now they get to know about other sources where they can go and actually find out about what's going on," said Zulema Williams, ESL Spanish tutor. "And that's what's really neat about the

interest that they've had all semester long. They've grown with vocabulary, they've grown with just the interest of what's going on right now."

Asked how the class has impacted the students' lives outside of the classroom, freshman Patricia Garces said, "I have

no fear to speak; it may make me nervous, but I feel more secure [to] speak and I [am able] to help my child [with] his homework."

Freshman Juan Carlos, who is from Switzerland, said, "When you learn a language, you have always fear to speak and if you go to the mall or in the disco, you have the fear to speak because you [aren't] sure what you're saying. And here, you learn to speak with other people without fear."

The class meets daily: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon in the Learning Assistance Center ESL lab in North Hall.

Valdes said the lab has helped many students abroad and encourages those who are interested to come by and visit.

"We started in February 2000," Valdes said. "I'd say about six of the students that I know of are now in the School of Education. Two of them are now working for us as tutors or lab aides. But those are just a handful of cases that we know about. I think their improvement is always in combination with their classes and their effort."

## Student of the Day

By **Lorena Cruz**  
*Staff Writer*

**Name:** Rafael Coria

**Age:** 21

**GPA:** 3.0

**Classification:** Junior

**Major:** Government with a minor in criminal justice

**Clubs:** ASPIRE vice president and member of the Scorpion Academy

**Hobbies:** Chess and writing

**What has been your greatest challenge?** "My greatest challenge has been trying to keep motivated to stay in school."

**What are your short- and long-term goals?** "In the short term, to get my bachelor's in government, and long-term goals, go to law school to



be a lawyer, that has been my greatest dream."

**Community service:** "I have helped in the UTB/TSC Arts and Entertainment events as a member of ASPIRE and in the cleanup of the Buena Vida neighborhood."

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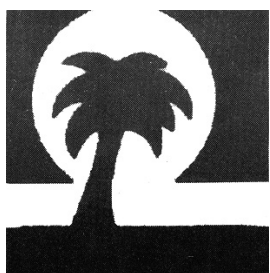
## 'Border Voices' program features students, teachers

Local students and teachers have been chosen from over 200 entries to represent the Texas-Mexico border area in "Border Voices," a production of Rural Voices Radio (now in its third season). The half-hour program will begin broadcasting on Public Radio (FM 88.9/88.1) at 12:30 p.m. every Saturday beginning May 3. Featured in the program are original writings from students and teachers in Brownsville, Los Fresnos, Rio Hondo, Harlingen and Laredo. The Texas-Mexico border will be one of four rural areas being represented with other feature programs from Nevada, North Dakota and Kentucky. Students said that this is the first time they have been allowed to write about something they know and care about, writing from the heart in two languages, empowering them to write moving, bilingual, bicultural pieces.

Rural Voices Radio is a product of the National Writing Project, a program that provides workshops for teachers. The workshops promote writing skills in schools at all grade levels. Focusing on the unique character of small communities, the writings bring insight into border life through the words of students. The result, according to teachers, is powerful poetry and prose about family traditions and celebrations, about life as a migrant, about crossing the river seeking a better life, about the beauty of the land.

"When students write about home, they speak from the heart," says Paula Parson, co-director of the Sabal Palms Writing Project (the local chapter of National Writing Project). Award-winning radio producers Deborah Begel and Laura Paradise recorded the students in Brownsville last spring. Parson helped with the editing process of the final program in New York City. Mireya Ponce, Porter High School student and Juan Medellin, UTB/TSC student, read their pieces in Atlanta, Ga., last November at a Rural Voices Celebration reception sponsored by the English Language Learners Organization at the National Writing Project Annual Meeting.

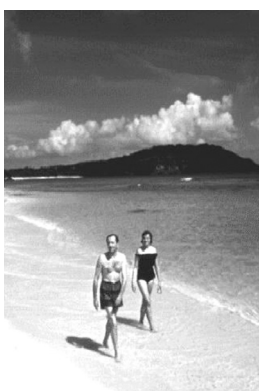
Students, teachers and community members shared original pieces at a reception last weekend to celebrate the launch of the program. A second CD of local poems and prose about life on the border is also being planned.



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# Student Soapbox

## Why does Mexico celebrate Cinco de Mayo?



"To them it's very important. I know they do the grito contest and everyone celebrates it, but to me it's just another day to realize I'm a Hispanic and I need to learn more about my culture, just like everybody else."

--Sergio Martinez

Senior management major



"A battle that we fought in Puebla to defeat the French from invading us."

--Guillermo Sandoval

Freshman music major



"They celebrate Cinco de Mayo because it's their independence day."

--Diana Adams

Senior business major



"It was an important battle called La Batalla de Puebla, where the Mexican army was able to defeat the French army, which was more powerful at the time."

--Mitcy de la Fuente

Freshman

--Compiled by Leslie Robinson



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program one, not an owner-risk expense for the institution, second of all, turning it into an asset for faculty, and finally making this a source of institutional cache--something which will become a part of our UTB/TSC marketing strength."

The program will ultimately have three components.

Students enrolled at UTB/TSC will have the opportunity to pursue Dual Language Certification at either the associate or baccalaureate level.

Also, students enrolled in baccalaureate-level programs at UTB/TSC can also pursue an advanced Professional Dual Language Certification.

Successful completion of the requirements for these programs will result in degree notation and a special seal on the students' diplomas.

"This will become part of their permanent record in the same way that any other honor or distinction would be magna cum laude, summa cum laude, something like this," Pearson said. "So, this will become something that the students will have on their transcripts, something they'll be able to put on their resume or their vitae and carry with them forever."

Also, students with degrees from other institutions may pursue a Dual Language Certificate at UTB/TSC. This was the most recent addition to the program.

"The committee was again assembled to deal with this and other issues and what we came up with was, provided a student can demonstrate they've received a degree from an accredited institution in English, at least at the associate level, and they come to us and take a series of required courses in Spanish with us that we won't certify their diplomas--we can't do that--but we will offer them a certificate which ought to have the same sort of cache as a certification that we are giving to our own students," Pearson said.

The Dual Language Certification program will require students to take a minimum of 15 semester credit hours, but no more than 18, of courses in the general education core curriculum designated as dual language courses. All instruction in these courses will be in Spanish, however, textual materials may be in either English or Spanish at the discretion of the instructor.

The required courses must include Hispanic Language and Culture I and II or other pre-approved Spanish courses at a higher level. The remaining credit hours must involve dual language courses

offered by departments other than Modern Languages.

Dual language courses that will be offered in the fall semester are General Chemistry, Computer Literacy, Macroeconomics, United States to 1877, Introduction to Health Professions, College Algebra, Music Appreciation, Mexican-American Experience and Hispanic Language and Culture I and II.

In order to achieve dual-language certification, students must maintain at least a 2.8 GPA.

The Professional Dual Language Certification program, which will likely be implemented in Fall 2005, will be administered by the individual academic departments.

"Departments will decide what it means to be a dual language professional in business, a dual language professional in physics, a dual language professional in sociology or in nursing, they'll have the flexibility to determine which courses in Spanish would constitute what they consider to be that level of proficiency-learning the terms, the major concepts, the ideas in their discipline, so that someone then could say, 'I am not only dual language certified, but I am a dual language professional certified in English and Spanish in Nursing,'" Pearson said. "Again, we hope that that will be an aspect of interest to our students, something that will carry considerable marketing cache with them."

Dual-language certification will be a prerequisite for the Professional Dual Language Certification Program. However, students will be required to take an additional nine semester credit hours in Spanish, to be determined by the individual departments. Also, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

The Dual Language Certificate, which is intended for students who have already earned a degree from UTB/TSC or another accredited institution, functions similarly to Dual Language Certification. Students will be required to take 15 credit hours of dual language courses and maintain a 2.8 GPA. However, students may take no more than 30 credit hours, or 50 for Spanish majors.

"Everybody seems interested in this program, everybody sees that it can serve the needs of our students, everybody sees that it can serve as a point of focus, as a point of attraction for the institution," Pearson said. "Maybe, just maybe, we can move beyond a local or regional orientation. Maybe, with programs like this, we can actually begin to think nationally."

Pearson will co-direct the program with Modern Languages Professor Lucy Willis during its first year. Willis, who

laid a lot of the groundwork for the program, will become sole director thereafter.

Members of the committee that designed the program were Willis; Eldon Nelson, dean of the School of Health Sciences; Sylvia Peña, dean of the School of Education; Jesus Galvan, interim chairman and technical instructor of Industrial Technology; Katherine de la Vega, lecturer of Computer Sciences; Joseph A. Zavaletta Jr., assistant professor of Accounting; Olivia Rivas, special assistant to the President; and Lidia Diaz, associate professor of Modern Languages.

In other business, the board approved the designs for renovations at the International Technology Education and Commerce Campus. Designs approved were for the business incubator, the former Dollar Store, the Workforce Training and Continuing Education offices, the former Bealls, and the Praxedes Orive Jr. Technical Training Center, the former Montgomery Wards.

The business incubator will cost \$1.3 million, said Vice President for Business Affairs John Ronnau. The Economic Development Administration will fund \$1 million, while the Greater Brownsville Incentive Corp. will fund the balance.

The Workforce Training and Continuing Education offices will cost \$1.9 million, all being funded by GBIC.

The Technical Training Center will cost \$4.2 million and will be paid out of the TSC fund balance over two years.

The board approved a renewal of its general property and liability insurance policy of \$627,125, which includes a 71 percent increase in premiums. Also, deductibles will be increased from the existing \$25,000 to \$100,000, which

should save the district \$34,000, said Rosemary Martinez, vice president for Business Affairs.

"[The Business Affairs Partnership Committee] reviewed the quotes for the insurance renewal," Martinez said. "The rates as presented represented 100 percent increase on premiums, and this is after an adjustment for the increases in values. Dr. Ronnau did some premium so we could compare apples to apples. We did add the ITECC from last year, we added the Student Union and the Village at Fort Brown. So, in essence, we almost doubled values, and so in doing that comparison, we did have an almost 100 percent increase in our premiums. ... If you look at the differentials between the \$25,000 we currently have and \$100,000, the savings is \$34,000, so you can take that back in two years. Two years worth premium savings really helps you recover and increases the deductibles, and \$100,000 for facilities of this kind is really not a huge deductible."

The board accepted a bid of \$1,106,000 from JDS Construction Co. of Weslaco to renovate the business incubator at the ITECC.

In other business, the board approved a covenant of purpose from the Economic Development Administration.

"In essence, what the resolution does is say that for 20 years, which is the estimated use of the project, Texas Southmost College will not sell or transfer its lease of the ITECC or true property or change the purpose of the facility without the written authorization of the EDA or payment upon its use," Ronnau said. "This resolution only affects the incubator space, no other portion of the ITECC."

The board will meet again on May 29.

## *Campus Police Reports*

The following are among the incidents reported by Campus Police between April 14 and 21.

At 10:58 a.m. April 14, a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am and a 2002 Ford F-150 collided in the parking lot outside North Hall. The driver of the F-150 was cited for backing up without caution.

At 3 p.m. the same day, a Campus Police officer noticed the hood ornament missing from a gray Dodge Ram Charger belonging to Campus Police. The vehicle was parked on the lot of the Auto Body Shop in Rustenberg Hall.

At 5:45 p.m. on April 16, a Campus Police officer was informed of an attempted theft of a rental car parked in the Young House parking lot on St. Francis Street. No arrests were made.

At 2:55 p.m. April 19, the Brownsville Police Department notified Campus Police of the break-in of a Grand Marquis and a van parked on May Street. No other information was available.

At 4:55 p.m. April 21, a student reported the burglary of his 1993 Chevrolet Camaro. Missing was a CD player.

--Compiled by Ildefonso Ortiz



# Scorpions play hard but only win one

By **Alejandro Rivera**  
*Sports Editor*

The UTB/TSC Scorpion Baseball Team's season is winding down as they returned from a three-game series against the Wharton County Junior College Pioneers. The Scorpions managed to play hard but only come away with one victory.

Game 1, played April 17, was a close game decided in the last inning. With a Hawk Scott RBI single in the second and an RBI single in the third by Gilbert Gonzales, the Scorpions led 2-0 until the fourth, when the Pioneers scored three runs. The runs came on a RBI single by Johnny Chaney and a two-run home run by designated hitter Scott Moore, making the score 3-2 until Scorpion Jason Hill scored a run in the fifth to tie the game at 3.

In the bottom of the seventh, with two outs and a man on base, shortstop Greg O'Neill hit a double over Julio Ruiz's head to score the game-winning run. Final score was 4-3.

Starter Hiram Lopez, who got the loss, pitched six and two-thirds innings, allowing four runs on seven hits. He walked three and struck out another three.

Wharton starter Billy Carnline,

pitched seven innings for the win. He gave up three runs on five hits and walked three.

In Game 2 the Scorpions got an excellent performance from starting pitcher Esteban Sanchez, who pitched nine innings and allowed one run on four hits in the win. He walked five, hit three batters and struck out 10 batters, at one point striking out five of six batters in a two-inning span.

"Esteban Sanchez was dominating," Head coach Eliseo Herrera said.

With the score tied 1-1 going into the ninth Cesar Navarro, who came in for Hill after he was hit by a pitch in the fifth, led off with a double. After a sacrifice and a single, Robert Gomez hit a single to score Navarro. Eric Flores followed with an RBI single of his own to make the final score 3-1.

Leading the way for the Scorpions was third baseman Flores who hit three singles, scored a run and had an RBI. Scott went 2 for 5 with an RBI double and a single. Navarro hit two doubles in his two at bats and scored the go-ahead run for the Scorpions.

In Game 3 Scorpion starter Efren Rivera had a strong showing but found himself behind 2-0 after six innings. Mike McCune relieved Rivera but only pitched an inning and a third, as

he allowed five runs (only three were earned) on three hits. Jorge Varella got the final two outs on a ground out and a strikeout.

The Scorpions' only run came on a Gonzales single. With two men on, Ruiz hit a shot that Herrera thought was a sure home run but it was caught at the wall and the Scorpions' best chance was lost as the next batter hit into a game-ending double play. The final score was 7-1.

"Hiram [Lopez], Esteban [Sanchez] and Efren [Rivera] did a heck of a job," Herrera said. "They've become very consistent. [Rivera's] ERA is 3.62 and [Lopez] and [Sanchez's] ERA are about 4.6."

With an overall record of 10-29, Herrera pointed out that the team had already surpassed last year's number of wins.

"We are now up to 10 victories this season, which is two more than they had last year," he said.

The team's conference record stands at 6-27 with a four-game series remaining against Austin Community College on May 2-3 at Austin. The Scorpions played a three-game conference match on April 26-27, but the results were not available at press time.

# Loff named interim Athletics director

By **Alejandro Rivera**  
*Sports Editor*

Jack Loff, an assistant professor of kinesiology, has been hired as UTB/TSC's interim Athletics director and will hold the position until August, when it will be decided whether he gets the position permanently.

Loff was hired from a pool of 10 candidates for the job, said Vince Solis, director of Student Activities and chairman of the Athletics director search committee. The search was narrowed down to three finalists and Loff attained the job, Solis said.

"I supervise all the sports," Loff said about his new duties, which began March 17. "That means men's and women's golf, volleyball and baseball. Besides running the budget and running the Athletics office. I just want to have a good-functioning athletics department, meaning that we're getting good student athletes in here and that they're passing classes. I'd like to send all of our teams to Nationals."

Loff, who has been a Kinesiology professor since December 1984, seemed to have a lot of the qualifications the search committee was looking for in the Athletics director.

"Coach Loff, what he has in terms of his qualifications, is extensive experience obvi-

ously in Kinesiology, Athletics," Solis said. "He served as coach, he served as administrator, he served in basically every facet that is involved with Athletics. He knows about different sports, he's certified in different sports so he runs a full gambit of experience in Athletics and that was one of the main reasons aside from his experience and his amount of time here and dedication to the campus that made him stand out."

With budget cuts affecting all state agencies, Loff is already facing a tough task managing the Athletics Department. He supervises three full-time coaches, a part-time coach and an operations manager.

"We're missing a baseball coach, we're missing an assistant volleyball coach and we have a part-time golf coach," Loff said. "Keeping things as they are and then cutting 12.5 percent, that means something has to go. I really don't think that cutting scholarships is the way to go. If you cut scholarships then you're not going to have as good a team and if you don't have a very good team then you don't get to recruit for the next year. So we managed to cut 12.5 percent by cutting other things. This year there were no new uniforms, we cut down on travel, cut down, cut down, cut down and we managed to come under the budget."

Along with his new duties, Loff will still teach.

"That's part of the deal because I'm part-time athletic director, so I will still teach a full load this semester," he said. "Next semester I will teach a regular load. I will teach two lecture courses and three activity classes."

So far this semester, Loff is happy with the progress made by the Athletics Department.

"I think, philosophically speaking, we've done a real good job, especially this year with our student athletes as far as their academic success," Loff said. "Golf had the highest GPA and then came volleyball and then baseball. We give scholarships and they play games, but it's all about passing your classes and trying to get yourself prepared for the future and that's where we're headed. We just want things squared away to make it easier for the coaches and the players. Right now, we're kind of going in like seven different directions all at one time. We're trying to get a new building at the USDA for ourselves, for the Athletics Department, to get us away from the gym and all the noise over here. Mainly because we are crowding out Kinesiology, so we're going to try to move, hopefully, in the summer but I'm not sure when it will happen."

## Rookie's Final Corner

Here I am for the final time as a Collegianeer and, probably, Scorpion as a different horizon seems to be looming for me but I leave Brownsville with a lot of memories.

Since I joined The Collegian almost three years ago, I went from Alejandro Rivera, just another face in the crowd, to Rookie, a nickname given to me by my friend, Juan aka "Trey" aka "Meister" Mendez III, largely because I always seemed to be the new guy everywhere.

During my first year at the paper, I felt much like the lost little lamb amid the wolves. I was an ex-jock who was now joining a school newspaper. I used to always make fun of school papers.

Azenett Cornejo, the Student Publications coordinator, was very patient with me my first semester since I could never remember to get the names of the people whose picture I took. You have put up with me and for that I am thankful. After a few semesters working together, I had her laughing at my shenanigans, jokes and schemes. Nothing wrong with a little trouble, right Miss C?

I met great guys like Alfredo Norberto, Ysenia Bazaldua, Arnie Gonzalez and Elizabeth Nenque. We were a good group.

But the reason why that group will forever be special is a little giant, the girl who forever changed my life and the way I saw life. Rarely does a person come along that makes your world do a 180, yet it is better than before. Alma D. Rocha did that to me. My life will never be the same but it seems to be better with each passing day.

I've met good people like Jamie Standeford. You will always succeed no matter how heavy the burden of the world is on you. Josie Ruiz, whom I always tease about hating me, though she is one of the cheeriest people I've ever met. To see you cry when your husband Robert was deployed made even me choke up. Chris Aguilar, you have a charisma about you that will get you through life. Sonia Mejia, the world needs more people like you--always honest, fun to be with and easily entertained. Analiz Gonzalez, I'm sorry I gave you a hard time, but just keep smiling. Leslie Robinson, what can I say--"Love you, babe. Bye."

Ildefonso "Poncho" Ortiz--what can one say about their partner in crime. You are a good friend and though I know I will see you again, I still want to say life puts friends like you in the path of people like me. I had fun all the way through, no regrets.

My pal, John Strubelt. I say nothing of you because our adventures together are not yet done. We now take our two-man act to San Antonio. Holy Riverwalk, Beltman! Live your choices today and regret your mistakes yesterday.

--Alejandro Rivera (AR<sup>2</sup>)

# Collegian editor says goodbye

An era is coming to its end here at The Collegian. Well, perhaps I'm being a tad melodramatic, but certainly an era is coming to an end in my life. This shall be my last issue as a member of The Collegian staff. It is with great excitement and trepidation that I set my sights on the future. If all goes as planned, I shall be attending the University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall, to finally pursue a degree in communications.

It seems like only yesterday I first joined The Collegian, having been literally dragged in by my friend Jackie. I never had any intention of sticking around, and it took me a while to really feel like part of the group, but the times I had here have been among the greatest of my life.

Azenett, you've been the best boss I've ever had--not that I've had too many jobs. I've learned more about journalism from you than I would have in any classroom, and I'd like to thank you for it. I've had to recently come to terms with the fact that I'll probably never have another employer like you, and certainly not one who'll stand for our abuse. Thanks for everything.

Ana, thanks for helping us get this place organized. It's about time.

Trey, you were the first person on the staff to take the time to get to know me, and you have since become one of my best friends. We went through so much together at The Collegian--mostly I remember all the bad predictions we made over the years. One of these days the A's will actually win it all. And I hope the Cubbies keep playing as well as they have been so far this year. Sorry for not recognizing them in my picks this year. Who knows, maybe they'll make it back to the playoffs like in '98 when they were beat by you-know-who. Yeah, that's right. Buddy, stop being a "bitter little man" and just do what we always do--take it sleazy.

Jamie, my star reporter, my roomie, it's hard to put into words how much you've meant to me, both as a colleague and a friend. Your boundless enthusiasm is inspiring and there was never any story you wouldn't gladly accept. Thanks for everything. I'm glad I got to know you this year.

Josie, you've been with The Collegian just as long as I have. There's little I can say other than to reiterate what Fredo wrote so eloquently in a letter long ago--you are indeed a ray of sunshine in this office and any child who has you as a teacher will truly be blessed. I'm lucky to have known you. I wish you and Robert the best.

Leslie, what can I say other than it's been both "exciting" and "fun."

Lorena, it can take me a really long time to actually become friends with people, but you were always interested in talking to me. I'm glad you did so because you've been a good friend.

Analiz, you're sweetness, your good nature and your smile make you a truly beautiful person.

Dámaris, I know we never really said much to each other, but you're a great person nonetheless. I hope you decide to return to The Collegian next year--it's going to need all the help it can get.

Chris, it's always been fun having you around. It's been good to having a light-hearted person like you around the office.

Virginia, it's become almost a daily ritual listening to you singing over in the advertising section. All I can say is that you're one of the sweetest, albeit oddest, people I know.

Sonia, if you had had me around when you first took Harris, you would've gotten through it the first time. After all our chats and our silent walks to class, you've become one of my favorite people at the office. Thanks for being exactly who you are.

Poncho, sorry for snapping at you every now and then, but you've got to admit you've deserved it sometimes--just kidding, buddy. When all is said and done, you're really one of the most decent guys I've ever known.

I'd also like to mention my chum Ysenia, a former colleague who I've gotten to know really well this year. It takes a little bit of insanity to actually want to work at The Collegian and get paid for it, and somehow you decided to volunteer this year! Thanks a lot. Our chats were always something I looked forward to. Keep on drawing those fabulous cartoons of yours. Someday I'll finish up those scripts, I promise.

Jackie, my oldest friend in the world, we've been through a lot together, but our friendship has always endured. It's hard to put into words how much you've meant to me, but I just want you to know that it's been an honor and a pleasure to call you my friend. More than anything I want to say that it's great to see you smile again. Good luck at UNT next year. I know you'll make a great journalist.

Last, but certainly not least, is my partner in crime Alex. When you first joined The Collegian I never thought we'd end up as close as we are. Thanks for all the rides, thanks for telling the same three stories over and over again, and most of all thanks for all the advice. Sure, I never took any of it, but I've got it filed away somewhere. Rookie, you're the closest thing I've ever had to a best friend. I wish you and Alma all the best. See you in San Antonio, buddy.

I was a bit hesitant when I first came to UTB/TSC, but I've really enjoyed my time here and I know I will miss it terribly. Who knows what the future holds for me, but I know it's time for me to move on. So, for the last time, this is Beltman bidding you all a fond farewell.

--John Strubelt

# Letter to the Editor

After 15 years of excellence in service to this university, Dr. Gail R. McClain, an associate professor of the Biological Sciences Department, retired at the end of January.

Dr. McClain obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from Memphis State University, and her doctorate from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She has also attended Freed Hardeman University, Louisiana State University and Stanford University. Before coming to UTB/TSC, McClain had an active life not only in academics, she taught in a Pennsylvania community college, and private universities in Virginia and Tennessee but also in administration. She was an associate professor and served as a department chair and dean at institutions in Virginia and Tennessee.

In 1988, she came to Texas Southmost College as a dean of Arts and Sciences, bringing with her an array of experiences. In 1992, during the merger with UTB, she served, during the transition year, as acting vice president for Academic Affairs. Upon the hiring of Philip Kendall as VPAA, she asked for a return to faculty status and requested assignment in the Biology Department.

Dr. McClain has served on numerous departmental, college and university committees and as a member of the Academic Senate. Her administrative and academic experiences allowed her to have important input in the academic life of the Biology Department's faculty and students.

Dr. McClain was the curator of the Lepidoptera Collections in the Biology Department. Her knowledge and love for butterflies is well known among her peers, students and the community. She devoted a great deal of her time curating the Glick Collection, which was entrusted to her care by the Springman family. She identified many butterflies in the Glick collection and developed a database of the collection. She has more recently initiated a modern interactive database with the aid of student assistance. Dr. McClain has developed and produced numerous large and small exhibits of the university collection of butterflies and moths. Her students were active contributors to the museum collection and their collections were frequently exhibited in the halls of the Eidman building and more recently in the entrance hall of the Biology Department at the [Life and Health Sciences building].

Students, visitors and faculty always marveled at the beauty and artistry of her exhibitions. She has supervised students in developing presentation packages that included slide presentations, traveling mini-exhibits, and hands-on activities. Students under her supervision have developed many different lepidopteran projects. In the past, and in collaboration with representatives of the Rio Grande Valley Native Plant Project, she initiated and helped design a butterfly garden on campus.

Dr. McClain is an excellent teacher who is dearly appreciated by her students. Her background in psychology and solid education in biology allowed her to integrate an array of instructional methods and techniques to transmit her knowledge. She has the ability to teach and easily convey information to freshmen as well as graduate students. One of her favorite activities was interacting with students who frequently surrounded her to talk about their interest in biology, the excitement of butterflies or even their personal experiences. Her intuition, sensitivity, enthusiasm and flexibility made students feel very comfortable with her. Two of Dr. McClain's main concerns were always the well being of the students and the well being of the biology program. Her interest reflects the kind of person she is, a genuine person giving the best she can offer.

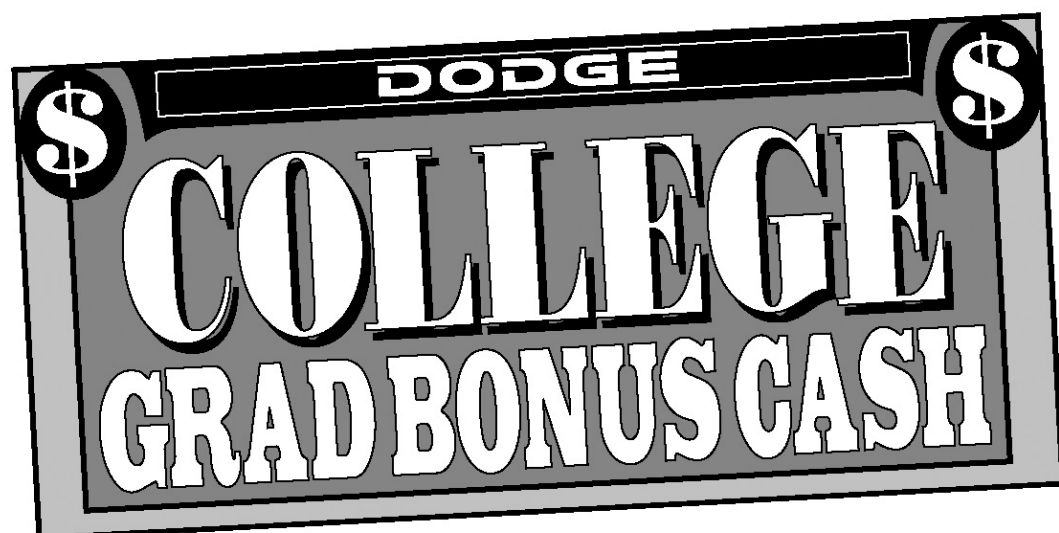
Dr. McClain's irrepressible honesty, ethics, and knowledge, gained the trust of many. Her clear, principled, moral decisions and insights always guided her behavior. Her students, peers and friends are sure to miss her and wish her a wonderful retirement; she certainly deserves it.

**Leticia Cabrera R., Ph.D.**

**Assistant Professor**

**Biological Sciences Department**





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## Tuning up for 'Noche de Mariachi'



DAMARIS GLORIA/COLLEGIAN

*UTB/TSC Mariachi Escorpión violinists Monica Padilla (from left), Lubia Quintanilla, Cristina Bañuelos and Abel Acuña practice for "Noche de Mariachi," a fund-raiser set for 8 p.m. Tuesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Tickets are \$5 each. Besides playing such popular songs as "El Son de la Negra," "Veracruz III" and "Popurri Jalisco," the group will pay tribute to the U.S. service men and women in Iraq. Proceeds from the concert will help finance the group's trip to a mariachi conference, the Mariachi Spectacular, in Albuquerque, N.M., in July. To purchase tickets, call 544-8247 or 544-8943.*

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Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, and not as old as 36 years of age, unless such applicants have at least five (5) years experience in the military or as a Peace Officer and have not yet reached their 45th birthday. Applicants must be subject to a background investigation and interview prior to appointment. All applicants must be able to read and write the English language. All applicants must be eligible for licensing by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

- Applicants must have a high school diploma or
- GED and 12 college hours with a minimum of 2.0 GPA
- Applicants under 21 years old must have an associate's degree or 60 semester credit hours or 24 months of active military experience with an honorable discharge
- No convictions, probation, deferred adjudication, or court ordered community service for a Class B in the last ten (10) years
- No felony convictions(s)
- No family violence conviction(s)

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:** Applicants must sign up at the Office of the Director of Civil Service, Franklin T. Graham, Jr., at 2205 E. Los Ebanos Blvd., Brownsville, Texas, **no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2003.** A driver's license or other photographic identification must be presented when signing the application roster.

If you have any questions or require any additional assistance, please feel free to call (956) 548-7011 Det. A. Trevino, Det. R. Gutierrez, Det. D. De Leon, or Det. M. Culver.

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CHIEF OF POLICE**



**ATTENTION**

**Scholarship  
Information**



## Noyce Scholarship for Future Teachers of Mathematics and Science Program

**This program provides funding to students willing to teach a minimum of two years for each year of funding within the University of Texas service area.**

**Students must:**

- Have been accepted into the School of Education**
- Be enrolled in 12 credit hours/semester (waived for ACP students)**
- Be a mathematics or science major with a program of study on file**

**For more information/application, contact Dr. Reynaldo Ramirez in the School of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Office 15B. Phone: 956-982-0201 or e-mail: reyr@utb.edu**